

Fwd: Sheriffs Branch SITREP (ROUTINE) - Jan. 29, 2022 - SHP District 6 - Coutts Border Blockade and Protest

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ORIGINAL

DATE/TIME: January 29, 2022 @ 1740 hrs.

LOCATION: Coutts Border Crossing/Coutts Vehicle Inspection Station (VIS), Coutts, Alberta

ISSUE: "Lockdown Coutts Border" blockade and COVID19-related mandate protest.

BACKGROUND:

- Approximately 2,000 vehicles are amassing near the Coutts border protesting pandemic-related vaccine mandates and government restriction
- Members of the Sheriff Highway Patrol (SHP) have been reassigned to Coutts to assist RCMP, CP Police Service and Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) with public safety and traffic related concerns on the highway and at the Coutts VIS.
- Initial reports indicated protesters were cooperative and peaceful while also allowing traffic to flow freely through the area.

CURRENT STATUS:

- SHP members earlier assisted in the search and recovery of a 4 year-old child that wandered away from his family and became lost. The child was found safe and returned to his family.
- Sheriffs have assisted RCMP as some of their members have experienced swarming incidents with protesters.
- SHP members have assisted RCMP in diffusing several altercations between protesters and members of the motoring public as tensions are heightening between the two groups.
- RCMP Air Services has been deployed to assist with efforts.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Inspector Delaney has deployed additional resources to the area to assist the current deployment.
- Additional SHP resources from the area will have been reassigned to assist for the next 5 days (or until the situation resolves).

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

- N/A

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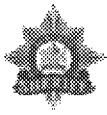
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